

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 17, 2015

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. On March 7th application was made for the renovation round for Campaign Quarters.
2. Passed out a schedule for the City Center RFP's.
3. Met on the 11th with Councilman Berkemeier to discuss the attorney contract
4. Appeared before the Rush County Community Foundation on the 12th for a grant for the park pavilion.
5. Had a meeting on the 13th that hopefully will conclude the 16th Street lighting.
6. Our letter of intent for the stellar program was turned in on Friday.
7. We will have our second session on the 18th of the HCI.
8. I will be meeting with Jemmy Miller and the contractor on the retention pond near Blue Ribbon Estates.
9. We are invited to INTAT on the 20th for a demonstration on their new equipment.
10. There will be a meeting with the County and the City on the 24th regarding the APC/BZA.
11. I will be out of town from the 27th – 31st.
12. We should have fiber ran to the Mason's building by the first week of April.
13. We will host the Prosperity Summit on the 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the 201 Building.
14. The livestock facility went before the BZA. A recommendation was made to change the verbiage.

15. Talked to Ball State regarding "My Community My Vision". We will be having a joint meeting with The Heart of Rushville.
16. We are one of the 1st communities that showed an interest in being a work ready community. We were the first County in the State that qualified.
17. 4X8 signs for the 52 project will go up on Friday.
18. We were approved to be a test site for aqua aerobics.
19. The Board of Works approved the contract with HWC for implementation of work on the pool.

Councilman Sheehan arrived at 6:10

20. A survey for a bark park was passed out.
21. Asked Council to consider if they would like to participate in the Neighborhood Connection.
22. SCG Consulting sent out a Rush County Economic Indicators informational sheet.
23. Will be doing a press release to inform City residents that they need to move their trash totters back from the street or alley within 24 hours after pickup.

Councilman Smith asked if we are spending any city dollars on the City Center. He said he has been asked what is going on and he said he did not know. Pavey said the only thing we have done was at tonight's Board of Works meeting, a contract to test for asbestos was approved. He said the meetings have mainly been to gather ideas.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley asked for approval of Resolution 2015-6 setting a fee for returned check. Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-6. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley also reported that a total of \$1,732.50 was received from the auction for 3 vehicles.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges asked where the location of the retention pond would be at Blue Ribbon Estates. Pavey said it would be 30 feet from the property line and would meet the set back. The pond will have an airraidor and a fence will be put around the pond.

Bridges said he was asked if there would be any grindings available from the 52 construction project. Pavey said he didn't know, but we would offer to take the grindings if they were available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** - No report.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – Meeting scheduled for the 24th.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works hired Heather Reed for the full time dispatch position. She will begin her duties April 14th.

Fire – Fire Chief Jenkins said Harr began his duties March 12th. Connolly and VaNatta began their duties as Captain and Lieutenant.

Street – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired Brad Koehler as a part time employee. They are patching holes and cleaning out the pool to get it ready for repairs.

Miller said citizens have been requesting smaller totters and more recycle totters. He has ordered more lids to comply with the orders at a cost of \$2,500.00.

Councilman Conner asked if we will be putting up signs for truck traffic. Miller said if they ask for them we will put them up.

Park – Councilman Berkemeier said the Park Board has discussed the possibility of a bark park and a community garden. He encouraged filling out a questionnaire for the bark park.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Sandy Fussner said there will be a fundraiser for Rush Fest tomorrow from 5-8 at Hardees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – Pavey said we have not yet received a letter from the state. Julie Newhouse is setting up a conference call with Selnaro. OCRA has a grant that may apply for this purpose.
2. **Contract Legal** – Pavey met with Berkemeier and still need a little more information before completing the contract.
3. **Ordinance 2015-2 Establishing Fees for Permits and Inspections – Ordinance 2015-3 Minimum Standards for Non-Residential Structures** – After very lengthy discussion both ordinances were tabled in order to answer further questions.
4. **Ball State – “My Community – My Vision Results” Moving Forward** – Working with The Heart of Rushville to schedule meetings.
5. **Parking Procedures and Protocols** - The County and City have met and we continue to work through an agreeable solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Open Farm Bids** – The following bids were received:

- a. Phil and Gary Liggett = \$150 per acre for 113 acre
- b. Roger and Christie Cain = \$402 per acre

The notice for bids called for an exchange of acreage. Neither bid complied with the notice. Conner made a motion to reject the bids and ask for new bids to comply with the notice. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:

Pavey said he met with Kevin Mandrell today and discussed the Affordable Care Act record tracking. He said we believe it is a good idea to hire a firm to be sure the tracking is done properly. Mandrell will appear at the April 7th meeting.

Councilman Sheehan thanked Mayor Pavey, the Fire Department, and those attending the St. Patrick's celebration for their help and support.

CLAIMS: Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.